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Ohio Conference Constituents,

**We are prayerfully preparing for our annual time of worshipful work, centered around the theme, "Gathered and Sent," from I Peter 2:9-10 and Luke 10:1-12. We hope you will plan to join us March 9-10, 2018, at Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio, for our 49<sup>th</sup> Ohio Annual Conference Assembly.**

Our mission is to be a people dedicated to the worship of, faith in and witness for Jesus Christ. We look forward to celebrating God's goodness together. We hope that you will be encouraged in your faith through our worshipful work in delegate sessions, a variety of workshops, dynamic worship times, and connecting with others from across the Conference.

Immediately prior to ACA, Ohio Conference will again hold a missional conference at Bluffton University. **The worship sessions for ACA will feature a continuation of the missional conference with speakers Meghan Good and Marvin Lorenzana.** We trust you will be blessed by this special addition to our weekend.

**We are including more time for business sessions, storytelling and workshops this year so that we don't feel so rushed.**

We hope you can plan to attend the entire Assembly and missional conference as we unite to learn, worship and work together for the furtherance of God's Kingdom here in our corner of the world.

**Please register early.** It helps us, and you are more likely to be able to attend the workshop of your choice. Plan also to attend the Mennonite Women or Mennonite Men breakfasts on Saturday morning, even if you are not active in the organization.

**Included in this mailing:**

- Schedule
- Registration form
- Lodging information
- Workshop descriptions and signup
- Donation list for service project
- Map of Bluffton, Ohio, and Bluffton University

**This year we will be collecting items for Crime Victim Services in Lima.** Part of their mission is to help survivors of human trafficking. Please review the included list of suggested items. There will be a collection box for these items in the registration area.

**We hope you will join us as we celebrate God's Kingdom work and that you will be part of discerning the ongoing mission and ministry we do together.**

Faithfully,

Bob Sauder, moderator  
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**P.S. Save a stamp! Registration and up-to-date information is available online:**  
**[www.ohiomennoniteconference.org](http://www.ohiomennoniteconference.org).**